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Subject: USS Reference Number: 12-0311 ACHD Reference Number: 15066

#2 Control Room USS Clairton Works

Gentlemen:

The attached form terminates the subject incident and satisfies the requirements of paragraph IV.8 of the Title V operating permit #0052 as issued on March 27th 2012.

I certify that based on the information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in this document are true, accurate, and complete. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Coleen M. Davis at 412-233-1015.

Sincerely,

Acting Plant Manager Clairton Works

NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

1. USS Reference Number: 12-0311 <u>Termination</u>
ACHD Reference Number: 15066

- 2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 09/14/12 Time: 0900 hours
- 3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation USS Clairton Works
- 4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: #2 Control Room
- 5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
- 6. Location: Clairton, PA
- 7. Nature and cause of breakdown: A leak in the vacuum axi discharge piping required the shutdown of the #2 Control Room coke oven gas separation process and the Sulfur Plant. As a result and reported on 09/14/12 and 09/16/12, the flare gas igniter pilots have extinguished intermittently due to pilot gas composition stability.
- 8. Identification of Emissions:
 - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX, SO_2 , Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.) Elevated H_2S in the downriver and under-firing gas line systems, causing increased SO_2 and VOC at point of combustion. This also caused increased battery combustion stack opacity when the under-firing gas composition changed.
 - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SOz is and VOC could be an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
 - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).
 Moderate
- 9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so). The repairs are complete.
- 10. Facility back in operation Date: 09/23/12 Time: 2047 hours

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